

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
August 19th, 2013 at 7p.m  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, and Street Superintendent Larry Parrish.

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR August 5, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

An event registration request was presented for the Riverfront Festival, sponsored by Owen County Preservations, Inc. to be held in Cooper Park on September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am until dark. They are requesting that Cooper Street be closed between East and Washington Streets from 8 am until 9pm. They are asking to use the entire park including shelter, and electricity.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request for the Riverfront Festival, it was seconded and passed 3-0.**

Also, an event registration was presented for the Apple Butter Festival, to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> until 5 pm on the town square. They are requesting the closure of Main and Washington Streets, south from Franklin to Market Street, and Franklin and Market Streets, west from Washington Street to Main Street beginning on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm through Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request for the Apple Butter Festival, it was seconded and passed 3-0**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Officer Foutch was not present. Attorney Lorenz commented that he continues to investigate and have discussions with the school about placing officers in the schools.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

There was some discussion regarding the hours and work schedules for the Building Dept. personnel. Richard Lorenz said he would discuss the work load and schedules with the Dept. to see if he can determine what the issues are, and if they can be resolved.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported that the demolition work for the HMGP was completed. A final claim for this phase, in the amount of \$ 14,871.75 was presented for approval.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve claim 14 for the Hazard Mitigation Project in the amount of \$14,871.75. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported on the operations and maintenance of the sewer plant.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING**

Nothing new to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Nothing new to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding the Lighting study, an invoice in the amount of \$963 was presented for services rendered by GRW. Cynthia Hyde approved the invoice for payment.

Next, there was an invoice presented from Rendell for the Parks Planning study. Cynthia suggested we wait until we hear from Matt Sward before we approve.

Regarding a solution for the town brush dump site, Richard Lorenz reported that he discussed with John Reeves and they agreed the best solution is to erect a 12' fence, with a gate and lock, and

surveillance camera. This is what they plan to present to the County Commissioners. Cynthia asked how this affects the town, and the town people. He said the town will still have access, but there are still other issues to be determined about access, what can be dumped, and who can use.

Regarding the list of properties that require more attention, Richard Foutch and Rannix Tinsley are still working on a list. Cynthia Hyde stated she is looking at a real estate company that is working in Sullivan that can remove some of the blighted properties, or rehab them for resale or leasing. She would like to look into this further, to see if there are any options that would work for us.

Richard Lorenz suggested that we buy the piece of property offered to the Town by Mr. Withem. that will give us total control over a particular tract of land that includes a ditch utilized by the town street department.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Treasurer, Cheryl Moke reported that she had supplied the three board members with detail on the budget request. She would like to set the meeting dates for the budget hearings to be September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>. The total budget request for the Town is \$1,532,000, but the distribution between the line items can be adjusted all through the year. Most importantly, any new line items that needed to be funded (such as lighting), should be communicated so they can be added and appropriately distributed.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for approval.  
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer